

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1-8, 12-17, 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok et al. (US 6,911,772) in view of Yoneda et al. (US 2001/0026127).

Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok et al. in view of Yoneda et al. in further view of Kanai et al. (US 6,121,727).

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, 32 and 33 to further define the invention. Accordingly, claims 1-17, 32 and 33 are pending for further consideration.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8, 12-17, 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok et al. in view of Yoneda et al., and claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok et al. in view of Yoneda et al. in further view of Kanai et al.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites an organic electroluminescent display device including, in part, "... a passivation layer on the plurality of driving elements; ... wherein *the passivation layer and the at least one second electrode are spaced apart from each other to define a space, and wherein the plurality of connection electrodes are disposed in the space between the first and second substrates.*"(emphasis added) Similarly, independent claims 32 and 33, as amended, recite an organic electroluminescent display device including, in part, "... a passivation layer on the plurality of driving elements; ... wherein *the passivation layer and the plurality of second electrodes are spaced apart from each other to define a space, and wherein*

the plurality of connection electrodes are disposed in the space between the first and second substrates." (emphasis added). None of cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, claims 2-11, which depend therefrom, claims 32 and 33 are allowable over the cited references.

Independent claim 12, as amended, recites a method of fabricating an organic electroluminescent display device including, in part, "... bonding *the first substrate having the plurality of driving elements and the second substrate having the at least one second electrode together, ...*" (emphasis added). None of cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12 and claims 13-17, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-17, 32, and 33 are neither taught nor suggested by the applied prior art references, whether taken alone or in combination. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn because the above-discussed novel combination of features are neither taught nor suggested by any of the applied references.

CONCLUSION

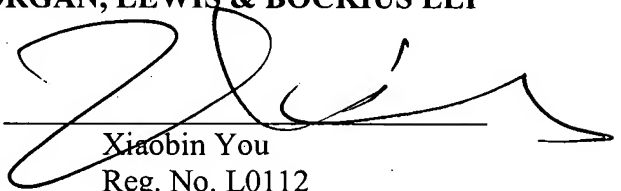
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner believe that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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